

BEGIN TO MOVE FEDERAL COURTS

Work of Wrecking Building.
However, Will Not Start
Until March 1.

According to a statement by Supervising Architect Kemper, of the Treasury Department, the actual work of wrecking the Federal building will not begin until March 1. Carpenters were at work yesterday tearing up carpets and removing the fixtures in the United States District Court room, and yesterday afternoon the judge's bench, which has been in use since the building was completed, about 1899, had been converted into a mass of disjointed timbers.

Nothing has been moved into the temporary quarters yet, and it is probable that it will be some time after Christmas before the clerks of the United States Courts are comfortably located at Seventh and Franklin Streets. Book shelves have not been prepared, and until this is done neither Mr. Brady nor Mr. Meloney will undertake to arrange the court records. It is probable that all the time between now and March 1 will be taken up in moving the offices into new quarters. The post-office will not be touched until every other department has been located, as it will be necessary to pass through the space reserved for handling the mails in the new building in order to reach the upper floors. It is probable that the postmaster will be ready to move by January 15. The work of moving the fixtures in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals will probably begin Thursday.

SLEEPER TRUNK SMUGGLERS

Twenty-Seven Modistes Indicted and Many Placed Under Arrest.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Twenty-seven modistes involved in the vast "sleeper trunk" smuggling systems, one of the many ramifications of the customs frauds which have been brought to light by the police, have been indicted by the Federal grand jury, and all probably will be under arrest within twenty-four hours. Having obtained all the evidence necessary to proceed, the government began a general round-up this afternoon with the arrest of nine women and four men. All were arraigned before a United States commissioner and held for trial.

It is alleged that the government was defrauded out of thousands of dollars by means of trunks containing imported furs, which were left on steamship piers and secretly removed later.

Arrests in Chicago.

CHICAGO, December 21.—Federal officials to-day took into custody a number of persons, who are charged with complicity in a conspiracy to smuggle expensive gowns and dry goods into this country. Arrests were made simultaneously in different parts of the country, two women in Chicago being taken into custody on a charge of having a part in a conspiracy to defraud the government. The conspirators had already succeeded in smuggling across the line more than \$2,000,000 worth of valuable goods. Those in the conspiracy are said to number twenty-six. All of them have been indicted by the Federal grand jury in New York.

The arrests in Chicago were made on warrants sworn out by Assistant District Attorney A. L. Smith, of New York, who petitioned for their removal to New York. The women who were placed under \$10,000 bonds by United States Commissioner Buell are Mary L. Webster, also known as Madame Whitney, and Katherine Schwarz. The dressmakers arrested in Chicago, it is alleged by government officers, are partners in which it is reported to have been a well organized conspiracy to smuggle gowns and dressmakers' goods into the United States from France, Great Britain and Belgium. Madame Whitney and Katherine Schwarz were held by Commissioner Buell for a hearing on January 4. They succeeded in raising \$500 in cash, and

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THE MORAL CODE AND BOYS' BARRELS

Parental Philosophy Is Different-
tial as to Rights of Youth to
Neighbor's Wood.

John Brown's boy is still carrying away John Smith's barrels and wood for his Christmas bonfire, and John Brown thinks it a huge joke. But when Thomas Jones's son stole John Brown's barrels and wood the latter began to kick about the bad boys in his neighborhood. Now, what the police want to know is, if it is a joke for John Brown's boy to steal John Smith's barrels, why isn't it also a joke for John Smith's boy and Thomas Jones's boy to swipe barrels from John Brown and from each other? And it is contended that if every father would furnish his own son with enough barrels and stickwood for his Christmas bonfire, then it wouldn't be necessary for every boy to deplete on another boy's father's property to furnish the necessary kindling, which leads the speculator into a maze of theory and also some philosophy.

The general philosophy of the fathers of the city, it is said, seems to be that it is all right for one man's son to do a little swiping from another, but no one must swipe from him, which is somewhat confusing. It is something after this fashion, the police say: "What my boy does is all right, and you had better not touch him; but what the other boy does is all wrong, and I want him arrested."

But the police hold that the moral code is applicable to all; that what is right and wrong for one boy is likewise right and wrong for the other. But the most natural philosophy in the world is that concerned with meum and team. There is, it would seem, a vast, intrinsic difference between one man's barrels and another man's barrels, though their market value be the same. And it may further be said that while parents are puzzling themselves over this differential philosophy the boys are stealing barrels, and there is not the slightest difference between one man's barrels and another man's barrels, though their market value be the same. And it may further be said that while parents are puzzling themselves over this differential philosophy the boys are stealing barrels, and there is not the slightest difference between one man's barrels and another man's barrels, though their market value be the same. And it may further be said that while parents are puzzling themselves over this differential philosophy the boys are stealing barrels, and there is not the slightest difference between one man's barrels and another man's barrels, though their market value be the same.

"Barrels, it is true," said an officer last night, "is rather an empty subject to talk about, but it seems to be highly interesting just at this time." It is said that several barrels were stolen last night.

WOULD KEEP BOYS ON VIRGINIA FARMS

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boys, can explain the difficult points; can take note of the difficult questions raised and refer the same to the department or to Dr. E. A. Knapp, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and can enthuse the boys with high ideals of farming and of improved rural life. The boys will do the rest. Willingness on the part of the teacher is more important at this time than knowledge.

Names and addresses of all boys taking part are to be preserved and copies of the list sent to the Bureau of Plant Industry at Washington, and to the Department of Public Instruction in the State of Virginia.

The boy is to receive the proceeds of his crop in any event, and he stands a chance to win a prize. In this way the interest is kept up. However, it is emphasized that the crop is not the ultimate prize, nor is the prize. These are valuable, but incidental. The idea is to show the boys the possibilities of country life, where brains are mixed with muscle and soil.

Exhibits to Be Held.

After the crop is gathered it is the intention to hold an exhibit, fair at the courthouse or at some other central point in the county, where samples raised by the boys are to be shown. A good judge of corn is to be selected, preferably from some other county, and prizes are to be offered to those boys making the best exhibits. It is suggested that prizes might be offered for the best ear, for the best ten ears, for the best twenty ears, for the largest number of bushels raised on the acre, for the best record and for the best showing of profit. A circular, issued by the Department of Agriculture gives much information on these points.

Securing the prize money has been the easiest part of the work in other places. Many merchants and citizens give money, and frequently prizes are contributed by progressive clubs. Mr. Eggleston concludes his instructions to the division superintendents: "There is no time for delay. Begin now. Begin on a small scale. Determine to make it succeed. Be systematic in your organization. Thoroughness and conscientious work must be insisted on, from the beginning. A few acres well done in a county will be of far greater educational and commercial value than many acres with careless cultivation. No more important thing can be done in Virginia for Virginia than this movement."

RAID ON BLIND TIGER

Whiskey in Columbus Store Aggregated About 750 Gallons.

COLUMBUS, GA., December 21.—The biggest raid here of the entire year, measured in retail, took place this afternoon when Sheriff Beard and his deputies, armed with warrants sworn out by Solicitor-General Palmer, entered a store on Triangle Street, in the business section, and captured three barrels of whiskey on tap, six full barrels, seventy cases, 100 mixed and three gallon jugs of whiskey. The proprietor, D. L. Richards, of Girard, Ala., was arrested on charge of violating the prohibition law, and gave bond in the sum of \$3,000. The whiskey confiscated aggregated about 750 gallons.

BEFORE JUDGE WADDILL

Extended Argument in Jamestown Exposition Case.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., December 21.—Federal Judge Edmund Waddill was engaged in the United States Court all of today hearing extended argument upon the right of the receivers of the Jamestown Exposition to sue collectively in chancery delinquent Jamestown Exposition stockholders, rather than by individual suits at common law. The defendants, through counsel, demurred to the jurisdiction of the Federal court, and insisted strongly the right of this tribunal to assume jurisdiction, it being contended that each delinquent stockholder must be sued in the State court of the county or corporation of which he is a resident. It was argued in the outset that the cases arose properly before this court. Next, that the court is with-



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the police in a sink hole in the rear of the home of George Armstrong, whose wife is held by the police pending investigation of his death. Armstrong was an ironworker, forty-five years old. His widow is twenty years his junior.

Further examination was made today by the county prosecutor and the police of stories told by Mrs. Armstrong and by Florence Myrtle Harris, sixteen years old, who lived with the Armstrongs, and who is detained as a witness.

Mrs. Armstrong continues to maintain that her husband had taken carbolic acid, with suicidal intent. The stomach of the dead man was to-day sent for analysis to the chemical laboratory of Indiana University at Bloomington.

P. O. DEPARTMENT ROBBED

Somebody Has Got Away With a Valuable Hand-Painted Screen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21.—Despite the countless number of outer, inner, upper and lower guards surrounding the personal and official presence of Postmaster-General Hitchcock some enterprising individual with a taste for art has extracted a valuable screen from the room adjoining the Postmaster-General's. This screen, the upper part of which was hand-painted, was worth a good deal of money.

Ordinarily the bright-eyed young men who surround Mr. Hitchcock would detect anybody who attempted to walk off with a roll of tape or some other piece of furniture, but on this occasion they all appear to have been asleep. To-day the screen was missed. It is about six feet high and six feet long, the upper portion being of Japanese work, and three upper panels having three scenes painted by an American artist.

ADJOURNS FOR HOLIDAYS

Both Houses of Congress Take Recess Until January 4.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21.—Both Houses of Congress adjourned today until January 4. In the Senate important initial steps were taken towards a congressional investigation of the long existing controversy between Secretary Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot.

A resolution by Senator Flint calling for all of the papers bearing upon the case was adopted. Senator Jones read to the Senate a letter from Secretary Ballinger, practically demanding an inquiry, which he said he courted, and also expressing the belief that any investigation had should be broad enough to cover the "various activities of officials" in the forestry service, as well as the alleged basis for any charges against the administration of the Interior Department.

A resolution by Senator Gore naming an investigating committee of eight Senators and eight members of the House, and including on that committee several of the so-called "insurgent Senators" was successfully side-tracked by Senator Aldrich, who had it referred to the Committee on Public Lands, where it will repose peacefully.

The House was in session but ten minutes. Representative Mann, as chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, reported his bill for the suppression of the "white slave traffic" and Representative Richardson of Alabama, filed a minority committee report against the Mann bill for the reorganization of the government of the Isthmus of Panama.

Reported Heavy Loss.

Mr. Gresham, of 1034 West Marshall Street, reported last night that he had been robbed of \$300. He stated that the money had been placed in a trunk, and that some one had broken in and taken it out. The case was taken in charge by Detective Sergeant Gibson.